CITY OF CHOTEAU

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Chairman
State of Montana
Long Range Planning Committee
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Chairman McNutt

The City of Choteau wishes to go on record in support of the application by the Teton Cooperative Canal Co. for an RRGL grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Purpose of said grant, along with funds in the amount of \$174,800.00 to be used in Phase I of the Eureka Dam project.

Phase I of this project will replace the 60-70 year old outlet pipe that, according to DNRC and Co. engineers has reached the end of its design life.

The City of Choteau depends on the agricultural income that is provided by farms and ranches in our close proximity. Small, rural communities are continually threatened with extinction due to declining population and supportive income. We rely on these farms and ranches to help our local businesses survive. Irrigation water from the Eureka Reservoir has helped increase production on some 6100 acres of farm and ranch land, thus buoying the economy of our community.

Eureka Reservoir is also an important recreational reservoir, providing fishing, boating, waterskiing, picnicking and other family outdoor experiences. We rely on the reservoir to attract people to our area in addition to providing the needed irrigation to raise crops that help support our way of life.

The City of Choteau solicits your support and asks that you look with favor on the request.

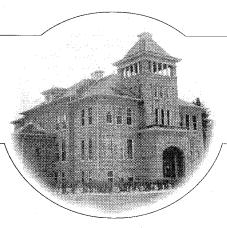
Sincerely,

John L. (Jay) Dunckel

Mayor

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We, the Commissioners of Teton County, Montana, would like to voice our support of the grant request by the Teton Cooperative Canal Company.

This grant would allow the Teton Cooperative Canal Company to progress on its project to replace the outlet structure and pipe on its reservoir. The outlet structure and outlet pipe have surpassed their useful life by several years, and the failure of this portion of the Teton Cooperative Canal Company system would have a significant negative impact on the Cooperative shareholders and also Teton County.

We are requesting that you consider this a viable project worthy of funding.

Respectfully,

Teton County Commissioners

Arnold Gettel Chairman

James E. "Jim" Hodgskiss Vice-Chairman

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